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RHODESIA'S VAN DER BYL ON FORD DEFEAT, ANGLO-U.S. AGREEMENT

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(STATION COMMENTARY)

(EXCERPT) COMMENTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, THE RHODESIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR VAN DER BYL, SAID IN GENEVA THAT THE DEFEAT OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS OUTLINED BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, DR KISSINGER, AND ACCEPTED BY THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. MR VAN DER BYL SAID WHILE THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO GET ON WITH WHOEVER IS PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON, FOREIGN POLICY IS A CONTINUING THING.

IN SALISBURY, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT ARE REPORTED AS SAYING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RHODESIA ARE NOT EXPECTED TO CHANGE DRAMATICALLY. [REDACTED] QUOTES THE SOURCES AS REFLECTING MR VAN DER BYL'S OWN VIEWS ON THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

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